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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] The resilient border is comprised of a border body having a stud slot. The stud slot is shaped to engagingly received and retained a row of upstanding studs. The resilient border has a downwardly tapered top surface.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] Preferably, the mat module 32 is molded from rubber. It has a stud edge 34 and a stud receptacle edge 44. The stud edge 34 has a plurality of upstanding studs 36 attached to it. A base 38 connects each upstanding stud 36 to the stud edge 34 of the mat module 32. The upstanding studs 36 are aligned in a row 40. Each stud 36 should have a uniform cross sectional shape along its longitudinal axis, such as the cylindrical shape of the studs 36 shown in Figure 5 and Figure 6. The stud receptacle edge 44 has a plurality of stud receptacles 46 formed therein. The upstanding studs 36 are shaped and spaced to fit within the stud receptacles 46 of a similarly configured mat module 32. The shape, form and alignment of the upstanding studs 36 and the stud receptacles 46 allow the mat modules 32 to be connected to each other, as well as to resilient borders 60 and resilient corners 70. Preferably the upstanding studs 36 have locking lips

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42 and the stud receptacles 46 have lip recesses 48. The locking lips 42 should partially surround the studs 36, as shown in Figure 5 and Figure 6. The locking lips 42 and lip recesses 48 are shaped and sized to interlock with each other. The lip recesses 48 should be shaped to interlock with the partially surrounding locking lips 42 of the upstanding studs 36, as shown in Figure 9.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] The connector 52 has two spaced apart parallel rows 58 of upstanding studs 56, as shown in Figure 2. The connector 52 is molded from rubber. The rows 58 are connected to each other by a base 54. The upstanding studs 56 of each row 58 are shaped, sized and spaced to engagingly and securely fit within the stud receptacles 46 of the mat module 32, such that lateral movement between the mat module 32 and the connector studs 56 is prevented. Each connector stud 56 should have a uniform cross sectional shape along its longitudinal axis, such as the cylindrical shape of the studs 56 shown in Figure 2. When one row 58 of upstanding connector studs 56 are inserted into the stud receptacles 46 of a mat module 32 an additional row of upstanding studs 56 is created adjacent to the stud receptacle edge 44 of the mat module 32. Preferably, the upstanding studs 56 have locking lips 57 shaped and sized to interlock with the stud receptacle lip recesses 48 of the mat module 32, as well as the stud slot lip recess 64 of a resilient border 60 and the stud slot lip recess 76 of a resilient corner 70. The locking lips 57 of

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the studs 56 should partially surround the studs 56 to which they are attached, as shown in Figure 2.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] The mat module 32 has a height 50. Similarly, the resilient border 60 has a height 68 when oriented for usage and the resilient corner 70 has a height 80 when oriented for usage. Preferably, the border height 68 and the corner height 80 are less than or equal to the thicknesses 50 of the mat module 32. This will prevent users from tripping at the perimeter of the mat ~~parameter~~perimeter system 30.